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Docket No. 16337.990



DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below beneath my name,

I believe original, first, and joint inventors (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

BUS INTERFACE FOR TRANSFER OF SONET/SDH DATA

the specification of which (*check one*):

() is attached hereto.

(X) was filed on May 3, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/847,660
and was amended on _____ (*if applicable*).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendments referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 United States Code § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)		Priority Claimed	
<u>2,307,895</u>	<u>Canada</u>	<u>05/05/00</u>	<u>X</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

(Application Serial No.) _____
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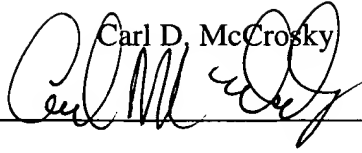
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